

COUNTRESS CLANCARTY DEAD.

AS BELLE BILTON, LONDON MUSIC HALL SINGER.

Marriage With Lord Dunlo Turned Out Happily After Collapse of Divorce Suit—He Succeeded to His Father's Title in 1891—She Sang at \$500 a Week.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 31.—Countess Clancarty, better known, perhaps, as Belle Bilton, an ex-music hall singer, is dead at the age of 58 years. Her marriage in 1880 at a registry office to Lord Dunlo, who succeeded his father, the Earl of Clancarty, in 1891, caused a sensation in society. The marriage proved to be a happy one.

Belle Bilton began dancing and singing as a little girl at the Woolwich Barracks, where her father was a sergeant of artillery. Her mother had taken part in the little theatrical affairs at the army post brought her two daughters, Belle and her sister, in a singing and dancing atmosphere. When the two girls were still in their teens they went to London and "did the halls."

They attracted no attention whatever and were considered not much as dancers and a whole lot less as singers, until Viscount Dunlo, the eldest son of the Earl of Clancarty, became attentive to Belle. Even then the London world would not have over the singer, but when she married Viscount Dunlo in 1880 a number of curious fashionable folk were attracted to the music hall where she appeared, and she began to be talked about.

She achieved more notoriety by reason of an action for divorce that was brought by her husband. He named Isidor Wertheimer, a young brick and straw dealer, as correspondent. The trial proved a farce, as Lady Dunlo proved conclusively that the charges against her were untrue. At the conclusion of the case Lord Dunlo took his concert hall bride in his arms and asked to be taken back. He said that he brought the action because his father had cut him off.

All this served to get Belle talked about, and London fell all over itself in crowding the music hall to see her dance and sing in an absurd burlesque called "Venus" that would have needed the protection of a net of police parts of this country. Belle Bilton, however, was making \$500 a week, a remarkable salary for her kind at that time in London, and drove to and from the theatre in the grandest turnouts ever seen in the city. A young man, who was called "the handsome young Wertheimer" rode in the tawdry equipage with the singer, and some folks were mean enough to refer to the divorce proceedings as a "put up job."

When the Earl of Clancarty died in 1891 Belle Bilton became a peeress and retired from the music hall stage. Four children, three boys and a daughter, were born to the Earl of Clancarty and his music hall bride.

FUNERAL OF A. J. CASSATT. Last of Pomp and Display the Feature—Provisions of His Will.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—With ceremonies of the simplest character and an entire absence of pomp and display the body of Alexander Johnston Cassatt was to-day lowered into a grave in the cemetery adjoining the Church of the Redeemer at Bryn Mawr.

Standing with heads bowed under a heavy winter rain that beat upon the coffin lid were two score men famed in transportation and finance throughout the country and the world.

J. Parker Shortridge, dean of the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a lifelong friend of the dead president, officiated the first handful of clay over the coffin. Members of the Cassatt family took a last look into the open grave and the mourners quickly dispersed.

Not a word of eulogy was spoken at the service either at the house or the grave. This was the wish of Mr. Cassatt. The family had expressly urged that no flowers be sent, but the President and Mrs. Roosevelt left in disregard of this notice by sending a large wreath of white hyacinths.

Many other magnificent funeral tokens were sent to the house and were taken to the cemetery, where they were piled upon the first covered mound just beyond the grave, transforming it into a garden.

A few hours after the funeral the family from the Bryn Mawr churchyard the members were apprised of the terms of Mr. Cassatt's will. It was said that his exact terms would not be in advance of its being offered for probate, but it can be said that the estate exceeds \$7,000,000 and that, outside of Mrs. Cassatt's life interest, Robert Kelso Cassatt, his son, will get the bulk of the estate. Requests are made that Major Edward B. Cassatt, a son; J. Gardiner Cassatt, a brother; Mrs. W. W. Plunkett Stewart; Miss Mary Cassatt, a sister; his two daughters and the grandchildren. The daughters receive bequests in inverse proportion to their husbands' wealth.

Mr. Cassatt's stock holdings in various railroads pass entirely to the possession of Robert B. Cassatt, who was interested with his father in many of the investments and who has made a study of the railroad and coal business.

After the interment two guards were placed at the grave. These will watch it night and day for two weeks. It is said that after two weeks the body will be disinterred and placed in a secure vault.

It is now certain that James McCrea will be elected president of the Pennsylvania Railroad on Wednesday. When he assumes charge it is said there will be an upheaval. He has been bitter against some of Mr. Cassatt's personal staff ever since the graft revelations before the Interstate Commerce Commission. William A. Patton, Mr. Cassatt's assistant, who was shown a letter from McCrea, it is said will resign. There will be other removals from Broad Street station, for McCrea wants to be surrounded by his own personal staff.

TOO POOR FOR A FUNERAL. All They Could Think of Was to Leave the Body to Rot in the Street.

Charles A. Gassett and his wife, Agnes, were arrested yesterday at 1230 Amsterdam avenue and locked up at the East 104th street station house charged with violating sanitary code by leaving a dead body in the street. The Gassetts are the people who were found in a perambulator yesterday morning on the sidewalk. They claimed that they had been ejected from rooms on the morning of December 1, day the baby died, and that they had 25 cents. They could think of any but leaving the body on the street.

FRIENDLIER WITH GERMANY.

Prof. Muensterberg, Who Has No Secret Mission, Tells the Reasons.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Dec. 31.—In an interview to-day Prof. Muensterberg of Harvard University said that lately there has been a marked change for the better in the relations between Germany and the United States.

The condition was due to three causes: First, the popularity of Baron von Stenberg, the German Ambassador, especially his close familiarity with President Roosevelt; secondly, because affairs relating to America are now handled in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here by Herr Busch, who for many years was secretary of the Legation at Washington, and third, the growing antagonism between America and Japan.

Formerly Americans believed that the next nation they would have to meet in war was Germany. Now the Californian question, the Philippines and the Sandwich Islands all offered points of friction, which might easily have serious consequences. The present, however, would be a very unfavorable time for America to go to war, he thought, for the work at Panama was not ended and the American fleet was not complete.

Prof. Muensterberg suggested that the sending of James Bryce to America as the Ambassador of Great Britain was likely to render Baron von Stenberg's task more difficult, inasmuch as Mr. Bryce enjoyed the sympathy of all Americans, and must shortly take a foremost place in diplomatic life in Washington, while Baron von Stenberg's knowledge of American conditions cannot be so intimate as to place his personality on a level with that of the author of "The American Commonwealth."

The professor declared that the reports that he was intrusted with a secret mission to the Kaiser with a view to the conclusion of a secret treaty between America and Germany was pure fancy. He added that the Kaiser wanted to learn only from an unofficial source the state of public opinion in the United States regarding Germany.

CUBANS WANT PROTECTORATE.

Bankers Won't Lend on Sugar Crop If U. S. Gives Up Island—Bandits in Pinar.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Dec. 31.—Partisans of the protectionist movement declare that a petition signed by 200 property owners is sent shortly to Secretary of War Taft asking for the establishment of a protectorate. The signature is located in Remedios, which is a large tobacco centre.

The petitioners also declare that the appointment of a commission to draw up laws has caused uneasiness among the bankers of Cienfuegos, who may refuse to loan money. Nevertheless, some persons consider that the appointment of this commission is not necessarily indicative of the Spanish handing over of the government to the Cubans.

Some think that it was partly a move of the Government to give employment to influential politicians. A banker of Havana declares that he will not advance a dollar for sugar raising after June, 1907, unless the United States shows that it intends to guarantee peace in Cuba.

A gang of bandits, variously estimated to number from two to twelve, is reported to have been active in the Province of Pinar del Rio.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS DOOMED.

Police Find List of 27 Men Marked by Terrorists—4,000 Suspects.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—Searches by the police in this city and in Moscow revealed lists containing the names of twenty-seven of the highest functionaries who have been condemned to death by the revolutionaries.

The "Times" publishes a sensational report of a plot against high Government officials who were about to meet to discuss financial matters. The plot was discovered through suspicious that were aroused by inquiries over the telephone as to the hour at which the meeting would adjourn.

The officers of the guards are studying a list of 4,000 persons of the educated classes who are under suspicion and the League of the Russian People, otherwise known as the Black Gang, has another list, containing the names of 750 other persons.

It is charged that the Black Gang has offered a reward of \$500 for the assassination of Prof. Melnikoff and Joseph Hoseney, both leaders of the Constitutional Democrats.

CONFUCIUS A GOD.

Curious Concession of Chinese Court to Christian Students.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PEKING, Dec. 31.—Confucius, who despite the 2,400 years of reverence for his teachings has never been worshipped personally as a deity, has been promoted by imperial edict to the dignity of a god. The same rank as heaven and earth is given to him, which, in the Chinese system of religion, form a dual personality with the spirit of the supreme god ruling the lower world. They are worshipped, however, only by the Emperor.

Confucius, who never arrogated to himself divine attributes, is now deified, according to general belief, for a curious reason, namely, in deference to the religious scruples of the Christian students at the Government colleges, who object to kneeling to the memorial tablet to Confucius, which is placed in all such institutions.

CASH UNDER AN OBELISK.

Money and Documents Found Where French Troops Entered Madrid.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MADRID, Dec. 31.—While removing to-day the obelisk marking the spot where the French troops entered the city in March, 1808, some soldiers discovered a large iron bound casket in a much decayed condition, which on being opened was found to contain 500 gold doubloons and onzas, valued at \$7,000, and also a number of faded and discolored documents which are believed to be of historic value.

Mayor Pagan to Give 1,000 Pocketbooks to Women Callers.

May or Mark M. of Jersey City will hold his sixth New Year's Day reception at his office in the city hall between 1 and 3 P. M. to-day. The first 1,000 women to call will receive as souvenirs brown or black seal pocketbooks, each containing a brand new 100-cent for luck. Flowers will be distributed among the women who call later.

All Deerfoot Farm Sausages are made at the Farm in Southboro, Mass. Their success is owing to the choice materials and the patience and cleanliness of preparation.

FINANCES WORRY ENGLAND.

REACTION FROM AMERICAN OVER-SPECULATION FEARED.

Business Situation Otherwise Cheerful on Eve of New Year—Outlook for Peace in Europe Excellent—Municipal Trading Seems to Be Near a Collapse.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The tone of the New Year prognostications in the English press is not quite so optimistic as usual. Most of the writers bid farewell to 1906 without much regret. It is described as having belonged politically, commercially and financially to a transition period which is not yet ended. Its political history is regarded as having been satisfactory from an international viewpoint, but it is pointed out that the great readjustment of the Powers which is under way is not yet completed and that the present situation consequently is not devoid of risk.

It is regarded as a most hopeful sign that Italy has announced, in assenting to a renewal of the Triple Alliance, that it must be understood that the compact cannot in any circumstances be interpreted as imposing any obligation to take a hostile attitude against England or France. This of course amounts to depriving her compact with Germany of all force in war.

The new year will probably witness a clearer development of the Anglo-French-Italian entente, which was announced by THE SUN two months ago, and then the outlook for peace in Europe will become more assured.

In regard to domestic politics nobody in England seems satisfied with the record of the old year or the prospects of the new. A significant change in public sentiment is the rising tide of revolt against municipal extravagance throughout the country, especially in the direction of unsuccessful experiments at municipal trading. The enormous increases in local taxation and municipal indebtedness have excited genuine alarm, and the new year will witness a sharp reaction in England.

Commercially England has been prosperous during the last year, but great uneasiness is expressed over the danger of the financial as distinct from the commercial situation. Nearly all the writers on this point seem to agree that America is the danger point. They harp upon over-speculation in the United States and the peril which it involves.

Of the monetary outlook, aside from that, the consensus seems to be that the business prospects for 1907 are the brightest.

THE PRESIDENT RETURNS.

He and Mrs. Roosevelt Back From Their Tour at Pine Knot, Va.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt returned to Washington to-night from Pine Knot, their lodge in Albemarle county, Va., where they have been having a holiday with their children since last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt left North Garden station on the Southern Railroad at 5 o'clock this afternoon on a special train and came into the station in Washington at exactly 9 o'clock. The President's special was delayed about thirty minutes on account of heavy holiday traffic.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Kermit, Quintin and Miss Ethel Roosevelt and her guest, Miss London of New York, returned last night. Archie remained behind for another day of rabbit hunting and came home with his father and mother to-night. Mr. C. Latta, Assistant Secretary to the President, and Dr. P. M. Rixey, Surgeon-General of the navy, who accompanied the President, also returned on the special.

The President looked full of enthusiasm and vigor when he stepped from his car, and Mrs. Roosevelt was smiling. Both of them enjoyed the trip. Just after the President, Mrs. Roosevelt and Archie were seated in the carriage the latter remarked that he had left his shotgun in the car, and the carriage waited five minutes while the footman went back, found the gun and returned it to the President, who smiled triumphantly and held it close to his knee as the carriage started for the White House. While the search was being made for the gun the President was himself patting a small black and tan terrier that Master Archie had in his lap.

This dog was ship, the bear hunter who Jake Borah gave to the President in Colorado last year.

The President did not shoot during his outing. Some interest was taken in his quest for turkeys which appeared in the newspapers were denied absolutely. The President rode and walked a great deal, and the trip was a very successful one. The Roosevelt boys took a number of trophies, but brought back none of the trophies of their marksmanship.

There were only a few people in the station when the President arrived. Capt. McCoy, military aide at the White House, and two Secret Service officers were the only persons to meet the President's party. There was no demonstration.

HE LOVED FEMINE FINERY.

Philadelphia Charged With Burning Houses So He Could Steal Lingerie.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Because he loved women's clothes, the police say, George Steffan of Manayunk set fire to houses and stole the fluff things toward which his desire ran during the excitement.

Steffan was held without bail to-day charged with fifty cases of arson. His motive for starting the fires puzzled the police until detectives located his room. Then the mystery solved itself, at least to the satisfaction of the police. In a value big enough to be a trunk the policeman found ten dresses, five dozen pairs of women's openwork stockings, three dozen pairs of women's white stockings, one dozen pairs of women's and children's stockings of all colors, eleven corsets, two dozen pairs of lingerie adorned with pink ribbons, two dozen hose supporters, one pink wedding dress and three pairs of high heeled slippers.

Under the third degree the police say Steffan confessed. His fondness for women's clothes, he said, was irresistible. "Please don't take them away from me," he pleaded, "they are my only pleasure," pleaded Steffan.

Steffan's right name, he said, is Lucius Milton Moody. His wife, Margaret, got a divorce from him in Cleveland on January 15 of last year.

Mrs. Moody got the divorce because her husband was too fond of dressing himself in feminine finery. He always wore women's garments under his masculine street clothes.

STRICKEN IN BROADWAY.

David Green, 70 years old, an English waiter living at 20 West Forty-sixth street, was seized with heart failure while crossing Broadway at Pine street last evening. He died in the ambulance on the way to the Hudson street hospital.

After all, Usher's Sea Soots that made the highball famous—Ad.

NO FREE PASSES AFTER TO-DAY.

That Provision of Rate Bill and the Pure Food Law Go Into Effect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It will be unlawful to-morrow and thereafter to do any of these things:

1. To issue free transportation on railroads engaged in interstate commerce.

2. To practice deception in labeling food products or drugs.

3. To sell whiskey except under a label which tells the ingredients of the product and the age of such product.

It will be lawful to-morrow and thereafter to manufacture and sell denatured alcohol without payment of internal revenue tax.

That provision of the new railroad rate bill which in accordance with an opinion of the Interstate Commerce Commission forbids the acceptance of anything but money for transportation will become effective to-morrow. The selling and grabbing of teeth has already taken place. Everybody is now prepared for the worst. Many members of Congress who have been out of town for the holidays got back to Washington before midnight to-night.

The pure food act will go into effect to-morrow. Sufficient time will be allowed the interests affected to adjust themselves to the new conditions. The law provides that foods, drugs and liquors shall be sold on their merits, the packages holding them to bear labels stating in detail the constituents of such products.

RECOVERED LOST RADIUM.

Columbia Instructor Uses Novel Way to Locate \$6,000 Worth.

The peculiar properties of radium enabled George B. Pegram, instructor in physics at Columbia University, to recover recently \$6,000 worth of the substance which he had lost. At St. Luke's Hospital he believed that he had lost. Dr. Abbe was one day using radium in the treatment of a patient and dropped a tube containing 50 milligrammes of it on the floor. The radium salt spread itself over the carpet and could not be seen. Dr. Abbe applied to Mr. Pegram, who is Columbia's radium expert.

Mr. Pegram visited the hospital and took with him several photographic plates covered with black paper. These he placed on the floor where the radium was believed to be. When the plates were developed he was able to see the exact position of the radium. He then had the section of carpet where the photograph had showed the salt to be taken up and with the dust under it carried to his laboratory.

Mr. Pegram took all the dust out of the carpet and by a simple chemical treatment recovered something more than six milligrammes of a mixture of barium and radium bromide which he believes contained most of the salt that was lost. The whole amount lost weighed only about a grain.

ROBS PULLMAN CAR ON AIR LINE.

Virginia Bandit Terrorizes Passengers and Steals Conductor.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 31.—A passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line, which left here last night at 10:40 for Jacksonville, was held up about 2 o'clock this morning near LaCrosse by a masked white man. Two white men got on the train north of Richmond and took seats in the day coach. When the train was near LaCrosse one man went into the Pullman car and took a seat in the smoking compartment. As the train passed the man drew a pistol and forced him to look the car door.

The robber then proceeded to loot the passengers, many of whom were half asleep. When the Pullman conductor appeared and attempted to arrest the bandit he shot the conductor in the left arm. After shooting the conductor the robber pulled the emergency air brake, stopped the train and escaped to the woods, as did his companion in the day coach.

The robber is said to have got \$300 from one passenger, sums of money from other passengers and a diamond ring valued at \$600 from another.

The railroad company has a large force of men scouring the woods for the robber and his pal.

ONLY A JACK LONDON ANARCHIST.

Japanese Firecracker a Boy-of-All-Work Seeking Quick Fame.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The Japanese who wrote the fiery editorial in the Japanese, English paper, the Revolution, urging removal of President Roosevelt, the Mikado and all other rulers, has been identified as T. Takeuchi, a Japanese boy of general housework in Berkeley.

The boy is said to be a follower of Jack London. Takeuchi says that when he came to this country he was attracted by the reputation of London, and he was informed that such a reputation could be acquired by any one who had the temerity to say and write startling things; and that he decided to make a similar career for himself.

His object in view he settled in Berkeley in close proximity to the home of London, and entered upon a study of the latter's works. He used to beat carpets with one hand while with the other he held an open copy of "The People of the Abyss."

He says that when London was running for Mayor of Oakland he attended the candidate's lectures, and he thought they were better than any of his written works. He started "The Revolution" as a vehicle for conveying his opinions. He says the recent editorial was his first effort, and believes he has not been so successful in his previous efforts.

Assistant United States District Attorney Black says the utterances in publication come under the law prescribing deportation. It will be necessary to prove that Takeuchi was an anarchist at the time he landed in this country, and that he has been here less than three years.

POST BUILDING SOLD.

Bought by William Gow for \$300,000—Built in 1874.

The Evening Post Building, at the southeast corner of Broadway and Fulton street, was sold yesterday by the Henderson estate to William Gow of Ward & Gow for \$300,000. The building is a nine story structure of red brick and brownstone, occupying a plot 63 by 102 feet. It was erected in 1874 by Isaac Henderson, who with William Clinton Bryant was joint owner of the Evening Post. Mr. Gow's purchase includes three adjoining four story buildings covering a plot 59 by 82 feet on the south side of Fulton street. Both plots are owned by the same party, the Reform Dutch Church of America. The Evening Post has a new building under construction in Vesey street.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER. Its purity has made it famous—Ad.

DISCONTENT IN GERMANY.

SITUATION VAGUE TILL AFTER REICHTAG ELECTIONS.

German Out of the Kaiser's Weighing: Has Weighed the People-Agricultural Classes Suffer, but Industry Has Its Hands Full—The Trust Lesson.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The prospects for Germany in 1907 are by no means wholly bright. In regard to foreign relations there are clearer than there were in the first half of 1906, during which war was more than once threatened; at present there is practically no cloud on the horizon, although there is palpable sensitiveness in Germany's relations with all other countries except Austria, which may on very slight provocation awaken a storm.

Respecting internal conditions, the prospects are anything but reassuring, and it may well be that the empire is now at the mouth of her present cycle of prosperity.

Now 1907 will materialize depends largely upon the election on January 25 and the mutual attitude of the Government and the next Reichstag to one another. If the Government does not make considerable concessions to the popular desire for genuine constitutional rule, then the widely prevalent pessimism due to the meat famine, the all round rise in prices, notably of raw materials and the necessities of life, and weariness of the almost frenzied *Weltpolitik* of the Kaiser, with its monetary demands and sacrifices for the fleet and colonies, will place it beyond the power of the people to endure the Chancellor's policy of fair words and light phrases.

All these things may easily bring about an internal situation of extreme gravity and even danger to the throne. At the same time it must be allowed that although agriculture is complaining, industry has its hands full, and will have them so until far into 1907. With hardly a single exception industrial enterprises, including banks, as well as the more strictly commercial undertakings, have increased their plant, widened their debt, paid higher wages and declared increased dividends. Owing to the lesson in trust and cartel organizations, learned chiefly from America, there is, besides, a good prospect that this state of affairs will continue for some time.

Nothing, however, of even the quasi-prophetic kind can be said of the general prospects of the empire for 1907 until the electorate has spoken a month hence.

PERIL OF 1907.

Wasp Waisted Figures Threatened by Corset and Dress Makers.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The reintroduction of the hour glass figure for women is threatened in 1907. Those professing to know say that dressmakers have for a long time been making zealous efforts to reintroduce the wasp waisted pattern of feminine humanity.

Now the sight of full round skirts and hour glass corsets, it is said, is the features of the coming season. Women who would be fashionable will have to reduce the increasing inches of the waist ascribed to the continued popularity of the silhouette, straight front corsets and the vogue of athleticism.

POPE LEO'S TOMB NEARLY READY.

Body Will Be Removed to St. John Lateran Without Pomp This Month.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, Dec. 31.—The President of the Republic is expected to visit the tomb of Leo XIII. for the removal of the remains of Leo XIII. from St. Peter's to the new tomb in St. John Lateran will take place shortly.

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BANQUET TO MINISTER DUDLEY.

President Pardo Expresses Deep Regret at His Leaving Peru.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LIMA, Peru, Dec. 31.—President Pardo gave a farewell banquet at his private residence last night to the retiring ambassador, Minister, Irving B. Dudley, who is to be succeeded by Leslie Conant.

The President in toasting Mr. Dudley said that the whole of Peru regretted his departure and that he would leave behind him cordial and everlasting remembrance.

RECORDER RESIGNS.

And Aldermen Expect to Make Meyers Recorder Next Tuesday.

Recorder Corf, elected to the Supreme Court, resigned yesterday as Recorder. There has been some discussion as to who had the appointment of his successor, the Board of Aldermen or the Governor, so the Recorder took precautions.

Early in the day he sent his secretary, William Benke, to Albany with his resignation, which was filed with the Governor at 1 o'clock. At the same time Thomas Kearney, the Recorder's confidential man, filed the resignation with the Board of Aldermen.

The Aldermen met yesterday, but were unable to name the Recorder's successor for the reason that the resignation did not take effect until midnight. The Aldermen, relying on the Corporation Counsel's opinion that they have the appointment, will elect a Recorder on Tuesday of next week.

The expectation is that James C. Meyers, particularly the one calling for the resignation of the Recorder, will land the place. He has the thirty-five Republican votes of the board pledged to him, and he has been assured of most of the M. O. L. eleven votes.

The M. O. L. members, however, will meet in caucus to-day at the City Hall. Alderman Peters, the leader of the eleven, said yesterday that either Thomas Gilligan or Clarence J. Shearn would be the choice of the caucus. After the first vote is taken, he said, M. O. L. men will give Mr. Meyers enough votes to make the forty he needs. At that point Mr. Peters said yesterday, and his followers would give their assistance that some of the measures which have been introduced by the M. O. L. members, particularly the one calling for the resignation of the Recorder, will have the support of the Republicans.

Francis McAvoy will be the Tammany candidate, but Little Tim Sullivan intimated yesterday that there was no doubt of the election of Mr. Meyers.

FLORIDA'S FAMOUS TRAINS.

923 A. M. and 9:25 P. M. Unexcelled service by Florida Central. See Ad.

ROCKFELLER BEGINS \$2,000,000.

Chicago University Has Received More Than \$200,000 From Its Founder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—John D. Rockefeller to-day sent to the University of Chicago gifts aggregating \$2,000,000. Mr. Rockefeller's gifts, including this one, aggregate more than \$20,000,000.

Of to-day's gift \$2,000,000 goes to the permanent endowment fund, while for making up the annual deficit, providing for an increase of instructors' salaries and various other purposes the remaining \$1,800,000 is given.

Including this \$2,000,000, the University of Chicago endowment fund ranks second only to that of Leland Stanford.

NOT ONE EXECUTION.

Record of Sing Sing for 1906—Influence of Patrick Helped the Condemned.

OSWEGO, Dec. 31.—In a conversation with newspaper men a few days ago Warden Johnson remarked that there had not been an execution in Sing Sing prison for seventeen months, and an examination of the records not only confirmed this, but it also showed that 1906 was the only year since the introduction of the electric chair at Sing Sing that no murderer was put to death.

There are eight occupants of the death house who received stays after sentence was imposed. Albert T. Patrick, who received recently a commutation, suggested to his companions how they too might prolong their lives.

AKED LIKES MILLIONAIRES.

New Pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church Says He Knows Rich Americans.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The wording of the Rev. Mr. Aked's acceptance to the ministry of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, has created the impression that he intends to champion American millionaires. His utterances during a brief interview confirm this impression.

He declined to discuss his acceptance in detail because he proposes to have a confidential conversation with his congregation on the subject, but he said: "I have not seen any of the millionaires, but I have seen them myself, since coming in close contact with them I have formed a high opinion of them."

The efforts to keep Mr. Aked in England have not been abandoned yet.

MOVING FROM CROW HILL.

Last Batch of Prisoners Received—Prison to Be Vacated on January 28.

The Kings County Penitentiary, Brooklyn's venerable penal institution, received yesterday afternoon its last batch of prisoners. Beginning with to-day all Brooklyn prisoners who have hitherto been sent to the Crow Hill institution will be taken to Blackwell's Island.